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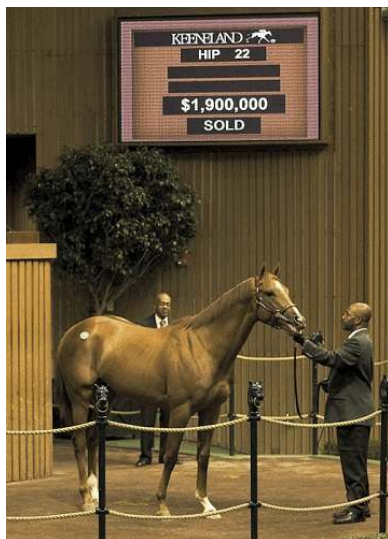
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VALLENZERI FINDS A HOME

The sales odyssey of **Vallenzeri** (A.P. Indy--Azeri, by Jade Hunter) ended at Keeneland last night when the regally bred colt attracted a final bid of \$1.9 million from trainer Bob Baffert, acting on behalf of Kaleem Shah, during the opening session of the April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training in Lexington. Vallenzeri, the first foal of Horse of the Year Azeri, made headlines at Keeneland last September when he failed to sell at a record \$7.7 million.



The \$1.9 million Vallenzeri *EquiSport*

"This horse finally found a home," Baffert said after surviving a spirited bidding war. "He's going home with me to California." Baffert outlasted John Sikura, bidding out back, and bloodstock agent Steve Young, bidding just under

the press box in the back row of the sales pavilion. Sikura, whose Hill 'n' Dale Sales consigned Vallenzeri for the Allen Paulson Living Trust last September, dropped out of the action at the \$1.6 million mark, leaving Young and Baffert to duke it out to the final seven-figure price tag. **Sale Coverage cont. p2**

KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Catalogued	106	95
No. Offered	57	64
No. Sold	31	34
RNAs	26	30
% RNA	45.6%	46.9%
No. \$300K+	5	10
High Price	\$1,900,000	\$700,000
Gross	\$6,885,000	\$7,127,000
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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>22</u>	c	<u>A.P. Indy</u>	<u>Azeri</u>	1,900,000
		<i>B-Allen E Paulson Living Trust (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXXV		
		Purchased by Kaleem Shah		
<u>61</u>	c	<u>Unbridled's Song</u>	<u>In The Storm</u>	530,000
		(\$160,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)		
		<i>B-Stonestreet Thred Holdings & Highlands of Lexington Inc. (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I		
		Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent		
<u>23</u>	c	<u>Songandaprayer</u>	<u>Beach Bunny</u>	370,000
		(\$110,000 yrl '08 FTMOCT)		
		<i>B-Hickory Ridge Farm (Md)</i>		
		Consigned by Wavertee Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent I		
		Purchased by Bob Baffert, agent		
<u>47</u>	f	<u>Touch Gold</u>	<u>Field of Glory</u>	320,000
		<i>B-Paragon Farms LLC (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by StephensThoroughbreds, agent for Paragon Farm		
		Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent		
<u>18</u>	c	<u>Offlee Wild</u>	<u>A Loose Kisser</u>	300,000
		(\$140,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT)		
		<i>B-Darley, Leslie & Patrick King Jr. (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by All In Sales (Tony Bowling), agent		
		Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point Thoroughbreds		
<u>3</u>	f	<u>Rock Hard Ten</u>	<u>Secret Ballad</u>	270,000
		(\$70,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)		
		<i>B-Forging Oaks Farm (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent II		
		Purchased by Thoroughbred Futures		
<u>37</u>	f	<u>Forestry</u>	<u>Country Melody</u>	250,000
		(\$225,000 yrl '08 FTSAUG)		
		<i>B-Paragon Farms LLC (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XL		
		Purchased by Ralph Nicks, agent		
<u>41</u>	c	<u>Vindication</u>	<u>Dossier</u>	230,000
		<i>B-John Perrotta & Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXXIII		
		Purchased by B. Wayne Hughes/Spendthrift		

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New Name, New Game for Vallenzeri...

Vallenzeri was consigned by Eddie Woods, who was quick to congratulate Baffert and assure the silver-haired trainer, "He'll win the Derby for you." In addition to Vallenzeri's flashy RNA in September, the colt's champion dam Azeri, in foal to Ghostzapper, failed to sell at \$4.4 million at Keeneland in January. Baffert admitted, "We were prepared for something crazy, but he was on his own. The market tells you what they're worth, and tonight the market said \$1.9 million."

Baffert added that was his final bid, but admitted he was aided in his purchase by market conditions. "\$1.9 million is still a lot of money for the market, but I thought we got a pretty good deal," he said.



Vallenzeri checks out the action

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Baffert said watching the colt ([hip 22](#)) both at the under tack show ([video](#)) and around the barn and walking ring made the decision to buy easier.

"When they are bred that well and you get to watch them perform and watch the way they move, that's usually half the battle right there," he said. "I loved the way he moved. He's by a champion out of a champion, a good-looking horse who is very well-conformed and he had a fluid way of moving. It takes a lot of the guess work out of it. He's changed a lot [since he was a yearling]. He was a picture. Before I decided to buy him, I wanted to see what he acted like in the back, and he was all class and really handled himself well. This afternoon, I was watching him around the barn and, for as much as he was shown, he's tough. He didn't act tired. You take a chance and step up to the plate."

The final price tag was the biggest splash to date for Shah, who has been very active at this year's two-year-old sales. "Kaleem Shah is very serious about getting into the game, and we've bought some really nice horses," Baffert said. "He wants to compete at the top end, so now it's time for me to get him there."

Shah was absent from last night's sale, but Baffert admitted he had given him a pep talk. "I told him, if you're going to be a bear, be a grizzly. He was a grizzly tonight."

Vallenzeri will get some time off and could be aimed at a late summer or early fall start in what will surely be a much-hyped racing career. "I'm going to take him to California, give him some time off and freshen him up," Baffert confirmed, adding, "He's by A.P. Indy, and the mare got better as she got older. This is the kind of horse you want for later on, for the Classics." And he may have a new name when he reappears. "I'm going to change that name," Baffert said. "It's a whole new page now."



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The Price Is Right...

It was short of the fireworks seen at Keeneland September, but consignor Eddie Woods was satisfied with the final price for Vallenzeri. "It was very, very good," Woods said. "You know, he's a very good horse, and he could well have deserved to bring more. The market

HIP 22

A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
Vallenzeri, c, 2007	Weekend Surprise
Azeri	Jade Hunter
	Zodiac Miss (Aus)

and the economic climate didn't support that, but it was a good price, all said and done."

The connections of the royally bred colt were realistic about what to expect last night. "He was well over the reserve," Woods affirmed. "He was set where anyone could buy him, and that's what kind of got people in on him and made for some action."

The Irish horseman has all the confidence in the world in the colt, and believes his new connections will give him every opportunity to live up to his bloodlines. "He's going to a great place," Woods said. "Baffert's a great man with great horses and gets them to right events if they're up to it. I would be really disappointed if this horse didn't make some of the big events. There's no reason why not. This is a spectacular horse, he's always been a spectacular horse, and he just needs to carry on in the mode he has been."

Keeneland April Holds Steady...

During a blitzkrieg opening session of the April sale Monday, Keeneland sold 31 horses for a total of \$6,885,000. The average of \$222,097, boosted by the \$1.9-million sale of Vallenzeri, was up six percent, while the median of \$120,000 was down 27.2 percent from a year ago. A total of 106 horses were catalogued for Monday's session, with 57 going through the ring and 26 reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 45.61 percent. "The outs are a little disappointing, but to sell the highest-priced juvenile colt of 2009 is very exciting," admitted Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "Eddie Woods sold our last Kentucky Derby winner [Big Brown], and maybe he's going to sell our next Kentucky Derby winner." Despite the tough economic climate, Russell seemed satisfied with night-one results. "It all went very well," he said. "The two-year-old market has always been a very tough market. It's a performance sale, so everything has to work in the right direction. The outs are a tribute to that--the ones that don't work as well or suffer little injuries are taken out, and those that do perform well get good prices. I think today showed a continuation of what the market is." The April sale concludes with a final session beginning this evening at 7 p.m. For catalog and complete results, visit www.keeneland.com.

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Keeneland's Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale

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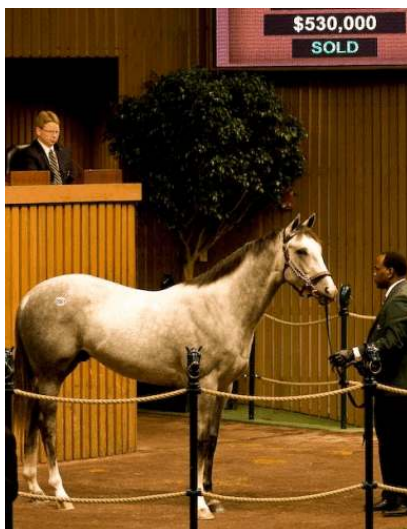


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Young Gun...

Steve Young may have been outgunned on Vallenzeri (A.P. Indy), but he stayed the course and signed the ticket on [hip 61](#), a colt by Unbridled's Song out of In the Storm (Storm Cat). Consigned by Niall Brennan,



Hip 61, by Unbridled's Song *EquiSport*

Agent I, the full to GSW Noonmark brought \$530,000. Young was not at liberty to reveal for whom he was buying.

"You know, he asked me not to tell," the agent explained. "He was also the underbidder on the Azeri, but he told me he'd rather I didn't say who I was bidding for."

It was no surprise to see an Unbridled's Song making headlines at the two-year-old sales. The Taylor Made stallion is the leading sire at the

juvenile sales this year, with five sold for an average of \$675,000 and a median of \$700,000. That was not lost on Young.

"He's by one of the hottest studs in the world, he's a full-brother to a horse that's already a graded stakes winner, and he trained great," he remarked, adding, "I hope he's a Classic horse. I think a Classic horse can come out of any sale, but they have come out of this sale, as far back as Thunder Gulch."

Young was a little disappointed that he wasn't able to seal the deal on Vallenzeri, but he was happy with what he brought home.

"There were three or four horses that we liked an awful lot, and those were two of them," he said. "We took a big swing at the other horse and didn't get him. I wish we had, but we didn't. But I feel the horse we got is a terrific prospect for the price."

Young also picked up [hip 47](#), a chestnut filly by Touch Gold out of Field of Glory (Meadowlake), for \$320,000 for the same client. Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent for breeder Paragon Farms, she is out of a half to the talented sprinting mare Randaroo (Gold Case). The May 4 foal RNA'd for \$95,000 as a KEESEP yearling, but proved harder to acquire last night. "The hammer prices are pretty strong," Young stated. **More on hip 61, p5**

Keeneland April Outs

Tuesday, April 7

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Group 1 winner

COLLECTION won **Hong Kong Derby-Gr.1** at Sha Tin on March 22 becoming the second consecutive winner of the race for his sire.



Group 2 winner

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Also in training for 2009 are HH The Aga Khan's **KATIYRA** (won Blandford Stakes-Gr.2 & 3rd Epsom Oaks-Gr.1 in 2008) and Godolphin's new recruit **SKANKY BISCUIT** (3rd Racing Post Trophy-Gr.1 in 2008)

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On the Mark...

Five years ago, bloodstock agent Mike Ryan went to \$275,000 to get Noonmark (Unbridled's Song) at the FTKJUL sale. Partner Niall Brennan sent that colt back through the ring at Keeneland April 2005, where he was led out unsold at \$1,150,000. But a transaction was reached soon after with bloodstock agent John Moynihan, and Noonmark was on his way. Campaigned by the partnership of George Bolton, Joan Corrigan and Antony Beck, Noonmark captured the GIII Mr. Prospector H. at Gulfstream; he



Noonmark A Coglianese

has also been placed in four graded events, and has earned \$354,090 to date.

Fast forward, and you find Ryan at Keeneland September in 2008, going to \$160,000 to get Noonmark's little brother. Brennan prepped hip 61 for KEEAPR, and this time the final price was what connections were looking for. "Obviously, we're very happy to get him sold, especially in this market, where it seems like it's all or nothing," Brennan said. "At the end of day, I'm glad that he sold well, because he deserved to. Those kind of horses are supposed to sell very well in any market; really, with his pedigree, he's like a collector's item."

Despite the economy, Brennan expected the two-year-old to attract his share of attention.

"He's by one of the hottest sires in the country, and we've been high on the horse for a long time," he said.

"He's only a May foal, and there's lots of room for improvement. I thought his video was excellent--he showed how he can move. You put all the parts together and you solve the puzzle--he's just that nice a colt."

Still, the transplanted Irishman was holding his breath.

"It shouldn't be that it's a relief in this market to sell one good," he said. "It shouldn't be that way, but that's the way it is."

Brennan is confident hip 61 will be a success on the racetrack and beyond. "He's got so much upside," he offered. "If he is a good horse--and I believe he's a very good one--he's got stallion potential. He's got a great stallion's pedigree."

"I'm delighted Steve Young got him," he added. "He's a very good judge of a horse, and he's been around a long time." Centennial Farm was the underbidder.

HIP 61

Unbridled's Song	Unbridled
unnamed, c, 2007	Trolley Song
In the Storm	Storm Cat
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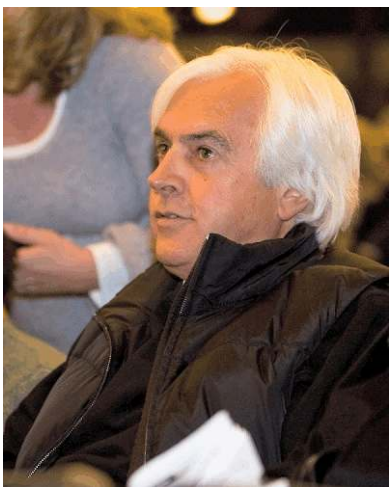
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Keeneland April Coverage cont.

Baffert Back in the Fray...

After snapping up Vallenzeri, Baffert wasted no time jumping right back into the fray last night. Surrounded by members of the media anxious to hear about his sale-topping purchase, the trainer kept an eye on the action on the very next lot, [hip 23](#). He eventually signed the ticket at \$370,000 for the colt who worked the fastest furlong of :09 4/5 during last week's under tack preview. The juvenile is by Songandaprayer out of Beach Bunny (Storm Bird) and was consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables, Inc. "I bought him for Bernie Schiappa," Baffert confirmed.



Bob Baffert

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Schiappa was co-owner of 2006 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner Sinister Minister. "[Schiappa] has gotten a group together and he's excited." The dark bay sold in utero for \$65,000 at the 2006 Keeneland November sale and was a \$110,000 purchase for Dapple Bloodstock at last fall's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling sale. Dunne was satisfied, if not blown away by the sale. "It was probably right about where we thought he was going to be," he said. "We were hoping that he would bring a little bit more, but we always hope they'll bring a little bit more."

[HIP 23](#)

Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song
unnamed, c, 2007	Alizea
Beach Bunny	Storm Bird
	Jewel in My Crown

Mixed Reviews from the Selling Side...

The figures were mixed on opening day at Keeneland April, as were the comments from consignors. Niall Brennan was particularly bearish on the market.

"It's very hit or miss," Brennan said. "There's no depth to the market whatsoever. There's nobody to pick up the horses that are falling through the cracks. It just seems very thin."

"There's a lot of scratches, which makes it very difficult, and there's just some nice horses not getting sold here tonight," he continued. "There's nobody spending money, which is understandable, but at the end of the day it's very, very thin--probably as thin as we've seen this year at the two-year-old sales. It's absolutely the weakest market."

Hip 61, the Unbridled's Song colt that was second only to Vallenzeri at the session, was one of only two that Brennan got sold last night. He had seven RNAs.

Eddie Woods, who sent session topper Vallenzeri through the ring, had a more positive take on the proceedings. While business was somewhat slow in the days before the sale, the final results did not disappoint him.

"It hasn't been bad, compared to the way things felt down at the barn and everything," Woods said. "It's been stretched over so many days, you never really know what's going on. You really don't know to expect. But for what we brought up here tonight, it's gone pretty well. We've been pleased with it."

Woods was the night's leading consignor, selling five for a total of \$2,630,000.

Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables was the second-leading consignor at the session, selling six lots for an aggregate of \$1,065,000.

"Nothing broke out, but they all sold respectably," Dunne said. "And we'll live to fight another day."



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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>3</u>	f	<u>Rock Hard Ten</u>	<u>Secret Ballad</u>	<u>270,000</u>

B-Forging Oaks Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent II

Purchase by Thoroughbred Futures

Purchased for \$70,000 by B.R.M. Stable at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale, this sassy little filly showed she had some mettle, covering an eighth of a mile in a quick :10 1/5 at last Thursday's breeze show. Last night, the rangy miss proved worth more than four times her yearling price her second time through the ring. The dark bay is among the initial crop of juveniles on offer by freshman sire Rock Hard Ten, who closed out 2008 with a yearling average of \$147,848.

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<u>23</u>	c	<u>Songandaprayer</u>	<u>Beach Bunny</u>	<u>370,000</u>
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B-Hickory Ridge Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Wavertee Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent

Purchased by Bob Baffert, agent

Offered by agent Sally Thomas on behalf of breeder Hickory Ridge Farm, this colt brought a \$110,000 final bid from Mike Akers' Dapple Bloodstock at the Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall Yearling Sale last October. Strutting his best stuff over the Keeneland Polytrack during last week's breeze, the dark bay recorded the fastest time for an eighth of a mile, stopping the clock in :9 4/5. With the assistance of that speedy time, the colt became the most expensive product of his dam, and surpassed the highest price (\$270,000) paid for a juvenile by his sire in 2008.

<u>18</u>	c	<u>Offlee Wild</u>	<u>A Loose Kisser</u>	<u>300,000</u>
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B-Darley, Leslie R. & H. Patrick. King Jr. (Ky)

Consigned by All In Sales (Tony Bowling), agent

Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point Thoroughbreds

Offered by Crossroads Sales Agency, this colt was snapped up for \$140,000 by David McKathan and Tony Bowling's M & B Bloodstock at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Sale. The sole offering by his freshman sire, this Apr. 25 foal, who added luster to his sire's reputation with a sharp quarter in :21 1/5 last Thursday was among the top of his sire's produce offered at public auction in 2008. Last term, Offlee Wild's top yearling price last year was \$190,000 and his yearling average was \$27,339.



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94 c Kitten's Joy On Broadway 170,000
B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (Ky)
Consigned by Wavertee Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent I
Purchased by Mike McCarty

Mike Akers's Dapple Bloodstock signed the ticket for a member of Ken and Sarah Ramsey's champion's first crop, giving \$35,000 for the Mar. 10 foal at last year's Fasig-Tipton July Sale. Armed with some black-type in his immediate family and a sharp eighth of a mile breeze in :10 1/5 last week, the colt proved a fortuitous acquisition for connections with a nifty little profit here.

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip 155, f, Stormy Atlantic--Cryptoqueen, by Cryptoclearance

Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

Leprechaun Racing purchased this youngster for \$72,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearling Sale. She is a half to multiple graded stakes winner Clearly a Queen (Lucky North). The chestnut filly worked one furlong in :10.1 ([video](#)). "She's a very pretty individual and she made an awesome video," said Leprechaun's Britt Mulligan. "She's very balanced and an easy-moving filly."

156, c, Afleet Alex--Dancen in the Sun, by Regal Classic

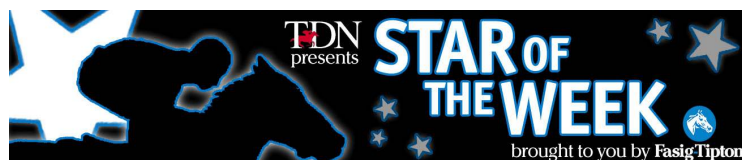
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent I

From the first crop by Classic winner and Eclipse champion Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet) out of Woodbine Oaks runner-up Dancen in the Sun, the chestnut may not have been foaled til May 15, but he was forward enough to zip a quarter in :21 1/5 at the preview ([video](#)). "He's by an exciting first-year sires--one of the two most exciting first-year sires, I think," Kirkwood's Kip Elser said. "He's a beautiful-moving, big, strong colt who breezes fast." Bred by Franklin Kling Jr. and Taylor Asbury, hip 156 was a \$65,000 RNA at Keeneland September.

Hip 157, c, Elusive Quality--Desert Queen, by Wavering Monarch

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XV

This Mar. 31 colt, bred by Santa Rosa Partners, is a half-brother to Grade I winner Marylebone (Unbridled's Song) and to the dam of this year's GII Santa Ynez S. winner Alpha Kitten (Tale of the Cat). He worked one furlong in :10.2 at last week's under tack preview ([video](#)). "He's a monster," admitted consignor Niall Brennan. "And he's obviously by the hot sire."



Jerry Barton

Accomplishment: Big City Man (Northern Afleet), trained by Barton, won the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 28.

Birthdate: Apr. 15, 1967.

Birthplace: Alamogordo, NM.

Current Residence: Billings, MT; and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Family: wife, Jackie; children Garrett, Baylie and Colton.

How did you get into racing? My mother was a jockey; I was born into it.

You were an assistant for D. Wayne Lukas, correct? What was the best training job you observed during your time with the Hall of Famer? When he won the GI Kentucky Derby with Grindstone (Unbridled).

Who was your favorite horse in the Lukas barn when you trained for him? Grand Slam (Gone West).

How is training horses in Saudi Arabia different from training in the U.S.? It is the same, but we are not allowed to use medications, steroids or anti-inflammatory substances.

Before your Golden Shaheen score, what was your biggest win?

In Dubai, the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3. We have won multiple Group 1 (DOM) races.

Do they race year-round in Saudi Arabia? Do you stay there the entire year? Yes, they race year-round, but we do not participate in the summer months, which allows me to spend a couple of months at home in America.

What are the plans for Big City Man? Any chance we'll see him in the States this year? There is a possibility that we will send Big City Man to someone in America with the Breeder's Cup in mind.

How did you become the trainer for Prince Sultan Mohammed Saud al Kabeer? Through his bloodstock agent Emmanuel de Seroux.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Snowboarding in Big Sky, MT.

What is your favorite meal? Steak with anything.

What was your childhood ambition? To be a jockey, but I got too big. Thank you God!

What was your last purchase? Champagne after the Golden Shaheen.

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Hip 167, c, A.P. Indy--Fashion Star, by Chief's Crown
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XII

This Mar. 30 foal is a half brother to Grade I winner and freshman sire Eddington (Unbridled). Also a half to Group 1-placed Star Crowned (Kingmambo), the two-year-old worked a quarter mile in :21.3 last week ([video](#)). His three-year-old half-sister Fashion Storm (Storm Cat) sold for \$1.2 million at the 2007 Keeneland September sale. "He's got a hell of a pedigree," Niall Brennan said of the Summer Wind Farm-bred colt.

Hip 181, c, Leroidesanimaux (Brz)--Java Drums, by Java Gold

Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent V

A Feb. 15 foal, this colt shared the second fastest furlong time of :10.0 at last week's under tack preview ([video](#)). He was purchased by Hidden Brook Farm as agent for Paul Pompa, Jr. for \$180,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale--well over the freshman sire's 2008 yearling average of \$52,898. "I think Leroidesanimaux is going to be a real sleeper," said Dave Scanlon. "I've heard good things and he's got nice babies out there." Of the two-year-old, a half brother to multiple graded stakes-placed Johnny Dollar (Olympio), Scanlon added, "He really seems to love the synthetic, he seems to get over it very nice. He's a real pretty horse, a real pretty mover over this track."

Hip 182, c, Elusive Quality--Kim's Blues, by Cure the Blues

Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent VII

This two-year-old is a half brother to Lotta Kim (Roar), the dam of star sophomore filly Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro). He was purchased in utero for \$500,000 out of the 2006 Keeneland November auction and was acquired by Dave Scanlon, agent, for \$100,000 at Keeneland September. "It couldn't be a better time to be selling an Elusive Quality--they've been really hot lately," Scanlon said. The bay colt worked a quarter in :21 flat last Thursday ([video](#)). "He's a big, pretty horse that stands over some ground and moves real good," Scanlon added.

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Medaglia d'Oro	19	13	3 4	4	1 1	2	12 17	1 1
Lion Heart	16	13	1 1	3	1 1	1	11 14	0 0
Speightstown	13	12	2 2	3	0 0	0	11 12	0 0
Candy Ride (Arg)	10	9	3 3	3	3 3	3	9 9	1 1
Chapel Royal	8	8	1 1	1	0 0	0	8 8	0 0
Tapit	8	6	2 3	3	2 3	3	5 6	1 2
Peace Rules	7	6	0 0	0	0 0	0	6 7	0 0
Congaree	6	4	1 1	3	1 1	2	3 4	0 0
Smarty Jones	6	6	0 0	1	0 0	1	5 5	0 0
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189, c, Pulpit--Maze, by Broad Brush

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent VI

From the family of MGSW Wend (Pulpit) and MSW Hitch (Cox's Ridge), the sharp-looking colt is another of the May foals, but put up a quarter in :21 2/5 at Thursday's under-tack show ([video](#)). "For a late foal, he's very very forward, and trains extremely well," Kirkwood's Kip Elser remarked. "He's a well-balanced horse with a great attitude." The Claiborne-bred RNA'd at \$30,000 at KEESEP 2008.



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203, c, Smart Strike--Private Feeling, by Belong to Me

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I

One of the latest foals in the catalogue with his May 27 birthday, the bay dashed off an eighth in :10 flat at the preview ([video](#)). "He's obviously a two-turn kind of horse, but he worked really well," Jerry Bailey said. "He has a long, good-looking stride, and he galloped out very well." The colt also had a solid catalogue update when half-brother Kensei (Mr. Greeley), a \$300,000 BESMAY purchase for Stonestreet Stables, made his three-year-old bow in an allowance at Oaklawn Apr. 2 and came home a 3/4-length winner. "I think he is one of the bright spots for Stonestreet and Mr. [Steve] Asmussen," Bailey said of Kensei. The bay, also a May foal, broke his maiden in his debut at Saratoga last August. Hip 203, bred by Gulf Coast Farms, was a \$35,000 KEESEP RNA.

Hip 196, f, Aldebaran--Offtheoldblock, by A.P. Indy

Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

This Apr. 1 foal is a half to graded stakes winner Z Humor (Distorted Humor). Her dam is out of multiple graded stakes winner Chip (Norquestor). The chestnut filly was purchased for \$80,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, while Offtheoldblock sold for \$800,000 in foal to Empire Maker at last year's Keeneland November sale. The two-year-old worked a furlong in :10.1 last week ([video](#)). "She's really straight-forward," Britt Mulligan said of the filly. "She's a sweet-training filly with a pedigree to boot. She worked in :10.1 and did it really nice and galloped out very well."

Hip 206, c, Tale of the Cat--Regala di Trieste, by Old Trieste

Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

Regala di Trieste, with this foal in utero, sold for \$250,000 at the 2006 Keeneland November sale. The mare is a half-sister to Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby winner Pioneer of the Nile (Empire Maker) and to multiple graded stakes-placed Forefathers (Gone West). "He's just a marvelous physical specimen," commented Leprechaun's Britt Mulligan. "He's a very precocious, big colt--he's about 16.2 hands." The chestnut worked one furlong in :10.1 Thursday ([video](#)). "He had a beautiful breeze and galloped out extremely well," Mulligan added.



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Patena Works for Blue Grass...

IEAH Stable and partners' **Patena** (Seeking the Gold) tightened the screws in advance of Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland yesterday, working five furlongs in 1:00 under jockey Robby Albarado. It was



Patena winning at Woodbine
Michael Burns photography

Patena's second work at Keeneland since running eighth in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 14. Patena worked a half-mile in :51.80 Mar. 28. "It is hard to compare the works because there were two different riders," trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. said. "As long as the

jock is happy, I'm happy." Albarado, for the record, was pleased with the work, and said that he thought the off track on Louisiana Derby day could be to blame for the colt's poor performance. "I haven't lost any confidence in him," he said. "In the Louisiana Derby, he had been off awhile, and the track was a little quirky that day. He is proven on the Polytrack, and I am looking for a big effort on Saturday. He's a nice colt." Patena won the Display S. over Woodbine's Polytrack last December.

Join in the Dance Preps...

Yet another Blue Grass hopeful, **Join in the Dance** (Sky Mesa), was on Keeneland's worktab Monday, breezing four furlongs in :49.60. Trainer Todd Pletcher, who won the Blue Grass last year with Monba (Maria's Mon), was on hand at Keeneland Monday to oversee the work. "We were just looking for a nice, easy half, and he did it well, finished up strongly and galloped out good," said Pletcher. "We think we're going to run in the Blue Grass. He seems to like it here. He's training well over the surface, so we're going to give it a try." Join in the Dance is owned by Orlando Magic forward Rashard Lewis, in partnership with brothers Jake and Reed Ballis and Reagan and William Swinbank, all of Houston. The Ballises' father raced Texas-bred champion sprinter Groovy and Grade I winner Cutlass Reality. John Velazquez will ride Join in the Dance in the Blue Grass.

Theregoesjojo Work Moved Up a Day...

Blue Grass S. challenger **Theregoesjojo** (Brahms) was meant to work this morning at Keeneland, but trainer Ken McPeck called an audible after learning of the weather forecast. "We're working this morning,"

McPeck said Monday as Theregoesjojo came on the track with exercise rider Amanda Tamburello up. "I'm afraid it's going to snow in the morning and be 22 degrees. I didn't want to take a chance of the track being frozen."

Theregoesjojo, who ran third to Quality Road (Elusive Quality) and Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song) in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28, breezed a half-mile in :48 and galloped out in 1:00.40, according to Keeneland clockers. McPeck had the gallop out in a minute flat. "That was good. He did it easy and I got the last quarter in :23," McPeck said. "I just didn't want to take a chance with the weather. Before the Florida Derby, I had to work him in the mud around the dogs." Calvin Borel will be aboard Theregoesjojo for the first time Saturday. Theregoesjojo is owned by the partnership of Samotowka Stable LLC, Delfiner Partners, George Krall and Magdalena Racing.



Theregoesjojo *Adam Coglianes*

Next Start Still in Air for Hello Broadway...

Elizabeth J. Valando's homebred **Hello Broadway** (Broken Vow) breezed five furlongs at Keeneland Monday in :59.40 and galloped out in 1:14. Trainer Barclay Tagg proclaimed himself pleased with the move, but said he hadn't yet decided as to where the colt will start next, an allowance race on Friday or in Saturday's Blue Grass. "I was very happy with his work," Tagg said. "It was a little faster than I wanted, but I thought he did it very nicely. He does :59s very easy. I'll probably run him in the allowance race, if it goes. There's a possibility on the Blue Grass. I'm not sure. I just worked him. I want to make sure he came out of the work good. Mrs. Valando is very nice to train for. I've got no pressure to go in the [Kentucky] Derby or in the Blue Grass. We just want to get him running better." Hello Broadway, runner-up in the GII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream, is coming off a seventh-place finish in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 14.

Did You Know?...

Since 1990, only 7 Kentucky Derby winners previously had a Grade I win to their credit: **Unbridled (1990), Sea Hero (1993), Thunder Gulch (1995), Monarchos (2001), Barbaro (2006), Street Sense (2007) and Big Brown (Boundary).**



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Mafaaz Stretches His Legs...

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Mafaaz (GB)** (Medicean {GB}), who earned an automatic berth in the GI Kentucky Derby after winning the inaugural Kempton Challenge Mar. 18, cleared quarantine at Keeneland yesterday in time to get in one circuit around the Keeneland training track with exercise rider Miguel Moya up. The colt will prep for the Derby in Saturday's Blue Grass. "We just wanted to get him out to stretch his legs, and it was the first day a rider has been on him since Friday," said Les Reynolds, head traveling lad for trainer John Gosden. "He cleared quarantine at 9:30 this morning." Reynolds said that Mafaaz would remain in the quarantine barn rather than move to Barn 1, where a stall was waiting for him in Kieran McLaughlin's barn. "He's very happy here and eating well and we didn't want to move him again before the race," Reynolds said. "Now after the race, if he does well and stays here, we may move out of the quarantine barn." Gosden is scheduled to arrive Friday night. Richard Hills, who rode Mafaaz in the Challenge S., retains the mount.



Hooch Why Doubtful for Oaks...

Hooch Why (Cloud Hopping), who upset Stardom Bound (Tapit) in Saturday's GI Ashland S. at Keeneland, is unlikely to compete in the May 1 GI Kentucky Oaks, her connections have said. Mark Hoffman, who co-owns the filly, admitted that he's in no rush to lock horns with Sunday's dominant GII Fantasy S. heroine Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), the likely favorite for the Oaks. "I was in the parking lot at the hotel and a buddy called me and I listened to the call [of the Fantasy]," Hoffman said. "She [Rachel Alexandra] has the same running style as my filly, and it doesn't make much sense to take her on now with so many other races out there to run. As I've said, I want to try my filly on the grass." Hoffman is not sure what he will do next with Hooch Why. "You know, I didn't decide to come here until the last minute, and the reason I did is because all those other fillies [from California] would be shipping for the first time and my filly loves to ship," Hoffman said. "I wouldn't say the Oaks is totally out now, but most likely doubtful. There's the GII Black-Eyed Susan at Pimlico [May 15], the American 1000 Guineas at Arlington May 23rd...a lot of races and not too many horses."

Quality Road Battling Quarter Crack...

Edward P. Evans's **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality), who stamped himself as one of the favorites for the GI Kentucky Derby after a rousing victory over Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song) in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28, is



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battling a quarter crack in his right hind, according to published reports. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens told *Daily Racing Form* that he first noticed the quarter crack in the winner's circle following the Florida Derby, and soon after had a patch affixed to the hoof.

The quarter crack has continued to bother the horse, however, and Ian McKinlay, the hoof specialist who gained notoriety last year after working on Big Brown's quarter-crack issues, was called in. According to *DRF*, a bar shoe has been put on Quality Road. "He galloped [Monday] morning and he was absolutely sound on it, but it did trickle a little blood, which means there's still some friction going on in there," Jerkens told the publication. "We have to get that inflammation out before we do anything." Added Jerkens, "You hope it was resolved by now, that's for sure, but he's not out of [the Derby picture] yet. The fact that he's not lame from it is a good thing." Quality Road has won three of four lifetime starts and banked \$632,830.



Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song) working yesterday at Oaklawn, where he went five furlongs in 1:00.60 (3/10). He goes next in Saturday's GII Arkansas Derby *Coady Photography*



Triple Threats cont.

Dream Empress to Get Break; Oaks Engagement Off...

Trainer Ken McPeck said that Livin the Dream Racing LLC's **Dream Empress** (Bernstein), who ran a disappointing seventh in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland



Dream Empress

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Saturday, was headed to his farm near Lexington for a little R 'n' R. "She is going to get a break," McPeck said. "There is something wrong with her, and the trip to England [for the June 5 G1 Epsom Oaks] is off. She just didn't progress from two to three real well." Dream Empress won last year's GI Darley Alcibiades S. at Keeneland and was sec-

ond to Stardom Bound (Tapit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, but has failed to hit the board in her last three. Connections had previously announced they intended to ship to Epsom to contest the Oaks on grass.

Bittel Road to Return to Grass?

Trainer Todd Pletcher said yesterday that **Bittel Road** (Stormy Atlantic), a lackluster 10th in the GII Lane's



Bittel Road

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End S. at Turfway Park Mar. 21, could return to the grass instead of competing in the GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland Apr. 18. The colt worked four furlongs on the main track at Keeneland yesterday in :48.60. "We're not ruling out the Lexington yet, but the most likely scenario is that he's going to go to Churchill in the GIII Crown Royal American Turf," said Pletcher. Bittel Road captured a pair of turf stakes as a juvenile, the With Anticipation S. at Saratoga and the GIII Woodford Reserve Bourbon S. at Keeneland.

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SKY MESA BACK TO WORK Three Chimneys Farm's **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit--Caress, by Storm Cat) covered mares for the first time yesterday since undergoing two colic-related surgeries in February. The nine-year-old was last year's leading second-crop sire and is currently in second on the leading third-crop sire list. Sky Mesa could have as many as three runners in Saturday's GI Blue Grass S. at



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Keeneland, including Grade III winners Terrain and General Quarters and Join in the Dance, who was beaten just a neck to subsequent GII Illinois Derby winner Musket Man (Yonaguska) in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 14. Sky Mesa's 2009 fee is \$30,000.

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Sunday, San Isidro, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO ELISEO RAMIREZ-G1, P93,000, San Isidro, 4-5, 2yo, f, 1400mT, 1:22.00, yd.

1--#**@▲ISHITAKI (ARG)**, 121, f, 2, by **Interprete (Arg)**

1st Dam: Nice Watch (Arg), by **The Watcher**

2nd Dam: Nice Dancing (Arg), by **Kazan (Fr)**

3rd Dam: Nice (Arg), by **Nigromante (Arg)**

O/B-Stud Haras Don Arcangel; T-Edmundo Rodriguez; J-Edwin Talaverano; P60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, P110,500.

2--**My Fair Lady (Brz)**, 121, f, 2, Our Emblem--Brave Lady (Brz), by Roi Normand. O/B-TNT Stud. P15,000.

3--**Malpensa (Arg)**, 121, f, 2, Orpen--Marsella (Arg), by Southern Halo. O/B-Haras Santa Ines. P9,000. Margins: 6, 1 1/2, 2. Odds: 3.90, 5.30, 2.50.

Ishitaki entered this spot off a third in the G1 Saturnino J. Unzue Mar. 6 following a winning debut on dirt at Palermo. Under Peruvian Edwin Talaverano, the promising daughter of Interprete inhaled the dueling leaders Malpensa and My Fair Lady in the final furlong to easily win the first Group 1 turf event for juvenile fillies. Ishitaki hails from the family of Argentine Group 1 winners New Dandy (Arg) (New Noble) and Nice Bijou (Arg) (Search Tradition).

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INGLIS EASTER Yearling Sale April 5-7, 2009

NUMBERS REBOUND A BIT AT EASTER MONDAY

The market rallied impressively as vendors and purchasers found a happy middle ground at the second session of the Inglis Australian Easter Sale, which had a rapidly improving clearance rate and saw its average boosted by four purchases of A\$1 million or better.

"It was a totally different day today with an overall clearance of 81.5 percent and an average of A\$274,000," said Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster. "It was up around A\$290,000 a couple of hours ago, but [it drifted down a little] with no million-dollar horses in the last couple of hours."

Webster added that many horses passed in on the first day had subsequently found new homes. "The first session clearance was [originally] 68 percent, and today it is 76 percent," he said.

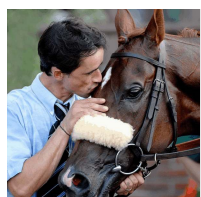
Leading the charge was [Hip 231](#), an Encosta de Lago (Aus) half-brother to glamour stallion Al Maher (Aus) (Danehill) out of a half-sister to the dam of Redoute's Choice (Aus). The flashy colt was knocked down to Dean Watt's Dynamic Syndications for A\$1.8 million, with Coolmore underbidder on the youngster offered by His Excellency Nasser Lootah's Emirates Park Stud.

"I would have been disappointed if he was not one of the top three or four colts here," said Emirates Park General Manager Dr. Shalabh Sahu. "I would tick all the boxes with him: pedigree, type, conformation--and he was subject to a lot of interest. People inspected him not once or twice, but four or five times."

Watt said securing the beautifully bred bay was "an adrenaline rush," adding that the colt would remain in Australia.

"It was a pre-existing order for an overseas buyer," Watt said. "We had a little bit more to spend; we wanted a racehorse with the credentials to stand at stud, and I believe we have fulfilled the client's dream."

In addition to being a half-brother to Al Maher (Aus), who is domiciled at Emirates Park, the colt is a half-sibling to Group 3 winner Salemeah (Aus) (Secret Savings). His dam Show Dancing (NZ) (Don't Say Halo) is a half-sister to successful sires Hurricane Sky (Aus) and Umatilla (Aus), and to Shantha's Choice, a resident of Coolmore who is the dam of Redoute's Choice (Aus) and GSP Sliding Cube (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}).



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INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE MONDAY - TOP 10 COLTS

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
231	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Show Dancing (NZ)	1,800,000
Consigned by Emirates Park Purchased by Dynamic Syndications Sirecam video			
323	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Winning Belle (NZ)	1,400,000
Consigned by Twin Palms Stud Purchased by James Bester Bloodstock			
292	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Tugela	1,200,000
Consigned by Makybe Purchased by Patinack Farm Pty Ltd Sirecam video			
235	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Slice of Paradise (Aus)	1,000,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Blue Sky Thoroughbreds			
165	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Princess Stacey (Aus)	750,000
Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by Magus Equine Ltd Sirecam video			
213	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Scarlet Bird (Aus)	650,000
Consigned by Rubiton Bloodstock Purchased by Shadwell Australia			
170	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Provence (Aus)	625,000
Consigned by Widden Stud Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock Sirecam video			
305	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Virage (Aus)	600,000
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud Purchased by James Bester Bloodstock Sirecam video			
263	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Sunday Service (Aus)	575,000
Consigned by Kitchwin Hills Purchased by T Bott			
362	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Back Pass	525,000
Consigned by Glenlogan Park Purchased by Shadwell Australia			

INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009



CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	500	320
No. Offered	444	287
No. Sold	267	241
RNAs	72	46
% RNA	16.2%	16%
High Price	A\$1,800,000	A\$2,200,000
No. A\$800K+	11	20
Gross	A\$67,677,500	A\$82,735,000
Average (% change)	A\$253,474 (-26.2%)	A\$343,299
Median (% change)	A\$190,000 (-17.4%)	A\$230,000

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Inglis Coverage cont.

Another Choice to be Made...

A couple of hours later, veteran agent James Bester, acting on behalf of an undisclosed client, gave A\$1.4 million for [Hip 323](#), a Redoute's Choice (Aus) colt out of MSW and three-time Group 1 placegetter Winning Belle (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) offered by Twin Palms Stud.

"He was the best mover in the sale, bar none," Bester said. "He had an amazing action, a huge overstep and he extended beautifully. He also has a marvelous temperament. I took particular notice every time he was led out, which was often. His dam was outstanding. I thought he was the buy of the sale." Bester said the colt would be trained by Gai Waterhouse.

Paradise is a Blue Sky...

[Hip 235](#), a well-regarded Redoute's Choice colt out of Slice of Paradise (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) was knocked down to syndicators Blue Sky Thoroughbreds for A\$1 million. Slice of Paradise, MSP as a two-year-old, is a full-sister to champion three-year-old Alinghi (Aus). The colt was offered by Arrowfield Stud as agent, with Arrowfield chief John Messara confessing he had hoped the colt would have fetched more on type alone.

"Frankly, I thought he could have topped the sale," Messara said. "He is a lovely horse out of a fast mare from a good family. He is a very nice individual. I thought he would fetch a bit more, but I am very happy. Anytime you get anywhere near that sort of money you have got to be pleased."

Yarraman Park's Harry Mitchell summed up the view of vendors when he said the sale had gained momentum throughout the day. "It was stronger and nice horses are still making good money," Mitchell offered.

INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Catalogued	239	200
No. Offered	207	176
No. Sold	166	141
RNAs	40	35
% RNA	19.3%	19.9%
High Price	A\$1,800,000	A\$2,200,000
No. A\$800K+	6	14
Gross	A\$45,287,500	A\$48,950,000
Average (% change)	A\$272,816 (-21.4%)	A\$347,163
Median (% change)	A\$210,000 (-4.5%)	A\$220,000

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Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
320	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Wiener (Aus)	900,000
		Consigned by Kitchwin Hills Darley Australia Pty Ltd	
309	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Volte (Aus)	800,000
		Consigned by Reavill Farm Purchased by Anthony Cummings Thoroughbreds	
354	Flying Spur (Aus)	Apparel (Aus)	730,000
		Consigned by Willow Park Stud Purchased by De Burgh Equine Ltd	
168	Galileo (Ire)	Procrastinate (Aus)	725,000
		Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by Patinack Farm Pty Ltd	
		Sirecam video	
160	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Prawn Cocktail	700,000
		Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by BBA Ireland/Blue Sky Thoroughbreds	
		Sirecam video	



Inglis Coverage cont.

Patinack Early and Often...

Patinack Farm made its presence felt with 11 purchased for A\$5.1 million, including A\$1.2 million spent to acquire [Hip 292](#), a Redoute's Choice (Aus) half-brother to Makybe Diva (GB) out of Tugela (Riverman). Offered by Tony Santic's Makybe Farm, the colt is a full-brother to Musket (Aus), who was purchased for A\$2.5 million at this sale in 2005 by the Ingham family. He has since won the G2 Shannon S. and is engaged in the G1 Doncaster H. at Randwick Apr. 18.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

John Messara, Arrowfield Stud:

"At last count, it was down 35 to 40 percent and it seems to be picking up some steam, and it is likely to finish around a third down and, hopefully, with 75 percent clearance. If that was to happen, it is within the range of expectations. Buyers are still wanting to buy horses they like for a good premium but if the horse is not desirable to them, it is very difficult to move it. Stallion fees are bound to be rationalized after something like this but there are stallions like, for example, Charge Forward (Aus), whose fee might go up a little. [Charge Forward] looks like being champion first crop sire, he has sold well, people find his progeny attractive, he is a horse that will serve a minimum book; he could easily cope with a slightly higher fee. I can't speak for everybody, but I think all studs are likely to meet the market and offer stallion fees at a level where they can allow breeders to get a financial outcome".

Antony Thompson, Widden Stud:

"This sale has been OK; it is sort of what we expected and we are not unhappy. It has picked up today and it is as good as you could expect."

John Ferguson, agent for Sheikh Mohammed:

"Funnily enough, the sale has held up much better here than at other major sales in the Northern Hemisphere. People here might feel it is a steep fall but in comparison to other markets, it is not too bad and it will rebound faster here because racing here is great and prize money here is better than many other places. Stallion fees have to follow the market. Everyone has to look very closely at it and fees will be revisited as people adjust their expectations. Sheikh Mohammed is very keen to come out and see the studs and how horses are trained and look closely at it all. And he had wanted to visit this week, but he had a meeting with [Prime Minister] Putin in Russia. I sent him a text after our Group 1 wins on Saturday and he was thrilled."

Trainer Anthony Cummings:

"There are some notable absentees, but it is nevertheless hard to buy a nice horse. There's a gap in the middle market, most certainly, that the merchant banking types used to fill. There is a big gap, [but] there is certainly some value there. Nice horses attract the right people and they bring the right money. We still have great racing, the prizemoney has not gone away and the inevitable upturn is going to be there. We are breeding the best horses in the world here in Australia. We are getting all the overseas pedigrees, all the overseas stallions, you've got the best place to grow horses that can be found. And results show that. Australian horses are competitive worldwide. I think the fact there is such great depth to the buying bench is testament to how the world sees Australian Thoroughbreds. And it is echoed in the ring."

Henry Pumptre, Darley Australia general manager:

"This is nothing that I didn't expect, and nothing that all of us have not been talking about all year. The market has dropped 40 percent, and all of us have got to rethink or plan to get through the next 12 to 24 months--or however long it takes--and start thinking about the rebuilding process. I have absolutely no doubt [there will be a stallion fee rationalization]. There is also no doubt that there are some good results here; this is the premier catalogue of the year and if you don't get a good result here, then we really are in trouble. But I think the overall market from January onwards has reflected a general drop of around 40 percent in yearling prices. It follows that the broodmare market is going to be the same [and it] follows that the stallion owners have got to reassess their fees."

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

**[Hip 409](#), c, [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--Charmview (Aus),
by Royal Academy**

Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud

Blue Sky Thoroughbreds purchased this colt from Coolmore for A\$500,000 at the Inglis Select Weaning Sale, making him the highest-priced weanling to appear in this catalogue. The first foal from a Group 3-winning daughter of Royal Academy, he is among an astonishing 70 yearlings by Encosta de Lago (Aus) catalogued here. "He is a very nice horse that has done particularly well since he came to us, and [he appeals] as a two-year-old type," reported Yarraman's Harry Mitchell. Encosta de Lago's progeny are recording solid results off his 2006 advertised fee of A\$160,000. Coolmore's flagship Australian stallion had 45 yearlings sell here last year at an average of A\$588,222. [Sirecam video](#).

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**Hip 423, c, Flying Spur (Aus)--Copa de Oro (Aus),
by Hector Protector**

Consigned by Willow Park Stud, agent

Primus (Aus), a full-brother to this lot, placed in the G1 Rosehill Guineas, Canterbury Guineas and Caulfield Guineas before he went to stud at Chatswood in Victoria, where he has covered two books of more than 100 mares at a fee of A\$11,000. Primus was a 2004 A\$120,000 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale graduate, with trainer John O'Shea signing the ticket. Hip 423 also has a half-brother named Viscose (Aus), a A\$140,000 Inglis Easter yearling purchased by Nick Williams for A\$140,000 in 2007. Unraced mare Copa de Oro (Aus) has a Flying Spur (Aus) colt and was covered by that sire once again last November.

Hip 429, c, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Crimson Reign (Aus), by Red Ransom

Consigned by Torryburn Stud

This is the first foal from a mare who won the G3 Kindergarten S. and placed in the G2 Reisling S. after she was purchased here by Kia Ora from Torryburn Stud for A\$260,000 in 2003. Crimson Reign is a daughter of the Strawberry Road (Aus) mare Crimson Road, who changed hands at last year's Magic Millions Broodmare Sale for A\$180,000. [Sirecam video](#).

**Hip 463, c, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Earthsea (Fr),
by Machiavellian**

Consigned by Widden Stud, agent

This colt--the first living foal out of the Niarchos family-bred half-sister to Dolphin Street (Fr), Insight (Sadler's Wells) and Saffron Walden (Sadler's Wells)--has an interesting international pedigree. "We bought the mare at Tattersalls and gave her one start, which she won, before we put her to stud," said Widden Stud's Anthony Thompson. "This is her first foal, and from day one he was a cracker with a lovely temperament." His dam has another Redoute's Choice colt. [Sirecam video](#).

Hip 465, c, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Elegant Fashion (Aus), by Danewin (Aus)

Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge as agent

This is the second foal from outstanding racemare Elegant Fashion (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}), whose eight wins include the G1-HK Hong Kong Derby. She has a Fusaichi Pegasus filly and was covered last October by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Her first foal, Zabeel (NZ) filly Deign (Aus), was withdrawn from last year's sale. The colt's second dam is notable producer Wily Trick (Clever Trick), whose five sold to date have fetched A\$2,135,000, including GSP colts Malayeen (Aus) (Anabaa) and Causation (Aus) (Giant's Causeway). Those two sold for A\$750,000 and A\$550,000, respectively, at previous editions of this sale.

**Hip 477, c, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Fantasia (Aus),
by Canny Lad (Aus)**

Consigned by Southern Cross Breeders

The first foal from Group 2 winner Fantasia has spent plenty of time sashaying along the parade area at Southern Cross. Breeder Sanga Bissett of Ashleigh Thoroughbreds is hopeful his pre-sale popularity will translate into a pleasing result. "He has good bone and is a correct, medium-sized-yearling," Bissett said. "He is a really nice athlete. He has been popular, but we are realistic and won't put a big reserve on him. We are very happy with him and we hope he sells well."

Hip 496, c, Charge Forward (Aus)--Fragmentation (Aus), by Snippets (Aus)

Consigned by Highgrove Stud

A half brother to G3 Kindergarten S. winner Wanted (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), himself an A\$800,000 purchase for trainer John Hawkes here last year when consigned by Highgrove, this colt is particularly eye-catching. "He is a very, very well-balanced colt and I am very strong on Charge Forward," said Ron Gilbert. "I have got four foals at home by him, and he is doing a fantastic job this year. From 65-odd live foals in his first crop, he has had two in the Magic Millions and a Golden Slipper runner-up in Manhattan Rain (Aus). I think he is on the way to becoming a successful stallion. This colt looks like a very mature horse with plenty of bone who will run at two, and he has been very popular at the sale. I am confident he will finish up in the hands of a good trainer." Ron and Debbie Gilbert's boutique stud Highgrove has an excellent record with more than 15 percent stakes winners from yearlings sold, with current flagbearers Wanted and dual Group 2 winner Fravashi (Aus) (Falbrav {Ire}). [Sirecam video](#).

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

ASHLAND S.-GI, \$400,000, KEE, 4-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--#@▲**HOOH WHY**, 121, f, 3, by Cloud Hopping

1st Dam: **Magic Merger**, by Corporate Report

2nd Dam: **Wicked Ways**, by Devil's Bag

3rd Dam: **Lien**, by Never Bend

O-Derby Daze Farm Inc & Mark Hoffman; B-Gail Gee (FL); T-Donna L Dupuy; J-Corey J Lanerie; \$248,000.

Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-3, \$441,335. *Full to Rumbling Cloud, SW, \$224,057. **First GSW for sire (by Mr. Prospector). **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

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There aren't many mares who can claim to have two Grade I sires among their sons, but Lyphard's accomplished daughter Skimble has now achieved this feat, thanks to the sons she produced as her first and second foals.

The 20-year-old Skimble got off to a fine start as a broodmare when she visited Nureyev back in 1995. Although their son, **Skimming**, won nothing better than a Wolverhampton maiden race during his time in Eu-

rope, he developed into a very different proposition after his transfer to California.

By the time he retired to Cardiff Stud Farms, Skimming had taken two editions of the GI Pacific Classic, defeating Tiznow in the first, plus the GII San Diego H. on two occasions and the GII Californian S. Skimming's finest achievement as a stallion is his son Johnny Eves, who



Cloud Hopping's daughter
HooH Why, now a Grade I winner
EquiSport

gained the first of his three graded successes in the GI Malibu S.

Naturally, there were also high hopes when Skimble's second foal, a Mr. Prospector colt called **Cloud Hopping**, went into training with Henry Cecil. Unfortunately he managed only three starts and his victory in a 10-furlong maiden race at Sandown on his second start was followed by a disappointing effort in a handicap. Unraced at four, Cloud Hopping was sold to become a stallion in Florida, starting out at a fee of \$3,500 at Wycombe House Stud in 2002.

Andrew Caulfield cont. p19



... **A.P. Indy's** son **Majestic Warrior**. Wow, does he have the goods!

Majestic Warrior enters stud in 2009 for a \$20,000 fee, and, in my opinion, that's a bargain... Here are a few of the reasons why:

I've already given one – he's a physical standout...

Now take a look at **Majestic Warrior's** dam, **Dream Supreme**. She's by the brilliant broodmare sire **Seeking the Gold**, and she was a multiple G1 winner...

He also goes to stud with one credential that all breeders ought to pay attention to: **Majestic Warrior** is the only G1 winner by **A.P. Indy** at less than a mile.

Majestic Warrior probably has one of the best chances of any recent son of **A.P. Indy** to make it here, when you consider his speed, precocity at 2, pedigree, sire, dam, and looks. With all this going for him, how can **Majestic Warrior** miss?

Source: [www.werkhorse.com](#),
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Andrew Caulfield cont.

Of course by 2002, breeders everywhere had learned that racecourse achievement wasn't all-important in Mr. Prospector's stallion sons, as the following list illustrates:

Allen's Prospect: although a three-time winner, Allen's Prospect failed to earn black type. This didn't stop him becoming a dominant force in Maryland breeding, or from siring more winners than any other stallion in 2001.

Double Negative: this New York allowance winner stood at a low fee in New York, where he sired a handful of graded winners.

Geiger Counter: collected some \$33,000 in winning two of his seven starts. Helped considerably by the fact that his dam was the celebrated Thong, Geiger Counter went on to sire the Australian champion Gold Guru and the high-class European sprinter Nuclear Debate.

Hussonet: although he earned black type with a couple of third places in stakes at Aqueduct, Hussonet failed to become a stakes winner. The fact that he now ranks as one of the highest-priced stallions in Australia pretty much tells its own story. His Chilean crops contained the likes of Wild Spirit and Host and his Australian son Weekend Hussler took Horse of the Year honors.

Not For Love: in a 29-race career, Not For Love only once made the first three in stakes company, when third at Monmouth. Even so, he has become Maryland's leading stallion, with his fee rising to \$25,000 from its original \$3,500.

Pioneering: the fact that he earned less than \$40,000 kept Pioneering's fee low, but this half-brother to Storm Cat has the Grade I winner Behaving Badly among his numerous stakes winners.

Prospectors Music: finished out of the first three in his three starts but sired the Grade I winner GygiStar.

Silver Ghost: failure to earn black type was again no obstacle to the sire of the Grade I winners Dreams Gallore, Lunar Spook and Love Lock.

HOOH WHY, f, 2006

Cloud Hopping	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer
			Raise You
	Skimble	Gold Digger	Nashua
			Sequence
		Lyphard	Northern Dancer
			Goofed
Magic Merger unraced 5FIs, 1GISW, 1SW	Corporate Report	Private Account	Cyane
			Instant Sin
		Ten Cents a Kiss	Damascus
			Numbered Account
	Wicked Ways 2-0-0-0, \$300 9FIs, 2 wnr	Devil's Bag	Key to the Mint
			Justakiss
		Lien	Halo
		9FIs, 1GSW, 1SW	Ballade
			Never Bend
			Sunny Dame

It is worth stressing that this list, which is by no means complete, doesn't contain a single stakes winner, so we shouldn't be too shocked that Cloud Hopping has sired a filly as talented as Hooh Why, the unexpected winner of Saturday's GI Ashland S.

The list also acts as a reminder that it isn't only the obvious candidates which are capable of siring high-class winners. Several of these Mr. Prospector horses, such as Allen's Prospect, Hussonet, Not For Love and Pioneering, were out of notable mares, so had very strong pedigrees. Breeders in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and South America have often made excellent use of this type of horse in the past and it's a shame that the huge books in today's industry effectively prevent a wider range of stallions being given a chance to prove their worth. Cloud Hopping is now in Uruguay, and it will be interesting to see how he fares there, as a bigger fish in a much smaller pool.

It isn't hard to understand why Cloud Hopping was considered as a mate for Hooh Why's dam, the unraced Magic Merger. As a daughter of the Travers S. winner Corporate Report, Magic Merger is a grand-daughter of Private Account. When Mr. Prospector was mated to Private Account mares, he sired the likes of Aldebaran, Miner's Mark, Traditionally and Our Emblem. Mr. Prospector also sired the high-class Strategic Mission when mated to a half-sister to Hooh Why's third dam, the talented Lien. Another incentive was that this family has produced four black-type horses to Eltish, a Florida-based stallion whose dam, Nimble Feet, was a three-parts sister to Skimble.

It looks as though Hooh Why has inherited some of the toughness which allowed Skimble to race 25 times between the ages of two to five. Skimble won in each of her four years on the track and she was better than ever at five, when her four graded victories from 10 starts included the GII Dahlia H. and the GII Wilshire H. Skimble is still going strong as a broodmare and is scheduled to visit First Defence this year after she foals to Mizzen Mast.



Hooh Why (center) defeats Stardom Bound (outside) *EquiSport*

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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Star of Living the Map Comes to Kentucky:

Daniel Seddiqui is making a name for himself by working 50 jobs in 50 states in 50 weeks, and the mastermind behind the highly publicized Living the Map project has come to the Bluegrass state to work in the Thoroughbred industry at Three Chimneys Farm. Seddiqui plans to write a book about his experiences throughout his cross-country work. The book will cover all 50 jobs he will have held and will document his experiences, the industry, and what is needed to be successful in the profession. His experiences thus far have included serving as a border patrol agent in Tucson, AZ; a maple syrup sugar maker in Cabot, VT; a wedding coordinator in Las Vegas, NV; and a marine biologist in Seattle, WA. Seddiqui, 26, has worked in 28 other states thus far and been featured by over 40 different news outlets including, ABC News, The Bonnie Hunt Show, NBC's Today Show, and CNN discussing his experiences. The California native, who has never been to a horse race, will be working for Three Chimneys in one of their broodmare divisions under broodmare manager Tony Burton. His experiences will include bringing in and turning out horses, cleaning stalls, grooming, handling mares and foals, and holding horses for veterinary procedures. To learn more about Seddiqui's project and to find out where he will be in the coming weeks, visit his website at www.livingthemap.com.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Einstein (Brz) (Spend Buck), 4f, :51.20, 20/28

GULFSTREAM PARK

Zee Zee (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:02.00, 3/6

OAKLAWN

Danger to Society (Harlan's Holiday), 6f, 1:16.00, 1/1
Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.60, 3/10
Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}), 4f, :49.00, 2/14

Pfizer Animal Health Makes \$50,000 Leadership Contribution to NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced yesterday that the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance has received a contribution of \$50,000 from Pfizer Animal Health. "Pfizer Animal Health is proud to support the work of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance in its efforts towards improved health and wellness for the equine athletes," said Kristin Ruff, senior equine marketing manager at Pfizer Animal Health. "We salute the NTRA for its work over the years on behalf of all equines."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 7:

04-26 a \$1,800,000 **Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth**

II Cup-G1, ST, 3yo/up, 2000mT (a7200s)

04-26 a \$1,031,000 **Champions Mile-G1, ST, 3yo/up, 1600mT (a4100s)**

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:

04-16 \$100,000 **Appalachian-III, Kee, 3yo, f, 8fT (100)**

04-17 \$100,000 **Doubledogdare-III, Kee, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (AWT) (100)**

04-18 \$325,000 **Coolmore Lexington-II, Kee, 3yo, 8.5f (AWT) (200)**

04-25 \$100,000 **Derby Trial-III, CD, 3yo, 7.5f (100)**

04-30 \$100,000 **Kentucky Juvenile-III, CD, 2yo, 5f (100)**

05-01 \$350,000 **Louisville Distaff-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (200)**

05-01 \$150,000 **Alysheba-III, CD, 3yo/up, 8.5f (150)**

05-01 \$150,000 **American Turf-III, CD, 3yo, 8.5fT (150)**

05-01 \$100,000 **Aegon Turf Sprint-III, CD, 3yo/up, 5fT (100)**

05-01 \$100,000 **Edgewood, CD, 3yo, f, 8.5fT (100)**

05-02 \$300,000 **Humana Distaff-I, CD, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f (300)**

05-02 \$250,000 **Churchill Downs-II, CD, 4yo/up, 7f (250)**

05-02 \$200,000 **Churchill Distaff Turf Mile-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (200)**

05-02 \$100,000 **Eight Belles-III, CD, 3yo, f, 7.5f (100)**

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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ALAJWAD (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 80/8/1
6-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Wada Zany Day, \$1,000 OBS JUN 2yo, 30-1
MR. LIVINGSTON (El Prado {Ire}), Bridlewood, \$4K, 75/7/0
9-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Invisible Genius, 5-1
9-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Barliv, \$2K OBS AUG yrl, 30-1
RAINMAKER (Storm Cat), All Star Tbreds, \$2K, 68/3/0
6-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, College High, \$7K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2
ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 168/20/0
9-TAM, Msw, 1mT, +No Name Tiger, 15-1
SPEIGHTSTOWN (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 195/30/5
9-PHA, Alw, 6 1/2f, Chattertown, \$250K OBS MAR 2yo, 7-5

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

Red Jazz, c, 2, [Johannesburg](#). See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:

+ **Indietra**, f, 3, [Vindication](#). See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

Putney Bridge, g, 4, [Mizzen Mast](#). See "France."

Pointilliste, h, 6, [Giant's Causeway](#). See "France."

IN ITALY:

+ **Catch Wind**, f, 3, [Mr. Greeley](#). See "Italy."

IN IRELAND:

Ready to Tap, g, 4, [More Than Ready](#)--Moscow Tap, by Moscow Ballet. Limerick, Ireland, 4-6, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1m 50ydsT. B-Pillar Investments Inc and Pillar Property Services Inc. *\$35,000 yrl '06 FTKFEB; \$70,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; 25,000gns 2yo '07 TATAPR. **1/2 to Halo's Stride (Strodes Creek), GSP-US, \$233,209.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
9th Race, \$41,000 Allowance, at Philadelphia.
For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

IN JAPAN:

Suni, c, 3, **Soto**--Enabru, by Roanoke. Kawasaki, 4-5, Fukuryu S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0, \$913,465. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Highclere Inc; T-Naohiro Yoshida. *\$90,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$120,000 2yo '08 BESMAR. **MSW-Jpn. ***Suni employed a brilliant turn of foot to overcome a slow start and win the Fukuryu S. by a nose. "We were lucky to find space to go through in the stretch," admitted winning jockey Hiroyuki Uchida. "He showed a very good late kick."

Sacher Mine, f, 4, [Mineshaft](#)--Pulsatilla (SW), by Gone West. Hanshin, 4-4, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$160,396. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Robert S Evans; T-Sakae Kunieda. *\$300,000 '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mystic Belle (Dynaformer), SP-Jpn, \$188,896.

Central Coast, c, 4, [War Chant](#)--Taine, by Sir Ivor. Hanshin, 4-4, Coral S., 7f, Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$827,525. O-Danox Inc; B-JV Shields Jr & Robert N Clay; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *\$280,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **3/4 to Puzzlement (Pine Bluff), MGSW & MG1SP, \$719,590. ***GSP-Jpn. ****Central Coast stalked the pace and second used a tenacious stretch run to win the Coral S. by one length. "He sometimes struggled to keep up with the pace, but once he calmed down at the third bend, he listened and responded to me well," winning jockey Yuga Kawada commented.

A Shin F Danz, h, 5, [Forestry](#)--Lady Danz, by Danzig. Nakayama, 4-4, Funabashi S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 25-5-6-5, \$982,574. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm; T-Kenichi Fujioka. *A Shin F Danz broke well from the inside barrier and settled in fourth under jockey Shinji Fujita. After ranging to the outside, the dark bay rallied to win by 3/4 of a length. "I saw previous run, and he never lost his spirit even when he was sandwiched, so I saved him in the early stages today," Fujita said. "This effort was better than what the margin may suggest."

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

KEENELAND

Bittel Road (Stormy Atlantic), 4f, :48.60, 18/45
Therergoesjojo (Brahms), 4f, :48.00, 10/45
Communique (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:02.00, 17/17
Cosmonaut (Lemon Drop Kid), 5f, 1:00.00, 4/17
Hand Crafted (Mineshaft), 5f, 1:01.60, 15/17
Hello Broadway (Broken Vow), 5f, :59.40, 1/17
Informed Decision (Monarchos), 5f, :59.40, 1/17
Lovely Isle (Double Honor), 5f, 1:01.60, 15/17
Patena (Seeking the Gold), 5f, 1:00.00, 4/17

HOLLYWOOD

Z Day (Five Star Day), 5f, :59.20, 1/22



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-6, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.10, gd.

1--**PUTNEY BRIDGE, 123, g, 4, Mizzen Mast--Valentine Band (MSP-Eng), by Dixieland Band.** O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Criquette Head-Maarek; J-Stephane Pasquier; €26,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP, 12 starts, 3 wins, 7 places, €109,475.

2--**Starlish (Ire), 128, c, 4, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Stylish (GB), by Anshan (GB).** €10,400.

3--**Rainbow Dancing (GB), 125, f, 4, Rainbow Quest--Danceabout (GB), by Shareef Dancer.** €7,800.

Margins: 3/4, SHD, HD. Odds: 11.10, 7.20, 13.00. Also Ran: Murcielago (Fr), Celebrissime (Ire), Beltanus (Ger), Iolith (Ger), Voxna (Fr), Mayweather (GB), Krataios (Fr), Apophis (Ire), Fastmambo, Aornos (Fr). DNF: Thalamon (Fr).

Third in last July's Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick at Deauville, Putney Bridge dropped to seventh in the Listed Prix de Tourgeville on his return there the following month and had been off since an Aug. 23 fourth back at the Normandy track last time. Reserved off the pace through the early fractions here, he made continued headway into contention with three furlongs to go and kept on resolutely under a final quarter drive to claim a first stakes win.

PRIX RIGHT ROYAL-Listed, €52,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-6, 4yo/up, 1 15/16mT, 3:20.12, gd.

1--**POINTILLISTE, 128, h, 6, Giant's Causeway--Peinture Bleue (GSW, SW-Fr, \$140,246), by Alydar.** O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche; J-Anthony Crastus; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 4 wins, 8 places, €122,800. *1/2 to Peintre Celebre (Nureyev), Hwt 3yo-Fr at 11-14f, MG1SW, \$1,419,573.

2--**Americain, 126, c, 4, Dynaformer--America (Ire), by Arazi.** €10,400.

3--**Le Miracle (Ger), 126, g, 8, Monsun (Ger)--L'Heure Bleue (Ire), by Kendor (Fr).** €7,800.

Margins: 1, NO, HF. Odds: 4.40, 1.00 8.90. Also Ran: Bluefields (Fr), Stikine (Fr), Quartz Jem (Ire), Loup de Mer (Ger).

Pointilliste bagged a first stakes win in the May 25 Listed Prix Rene Bedel at Lyon-Parilly, but was on the shelf until running second in his comeback at Saint-Cloud last time Mar. 10. Leading from the outset of this marathon, he maintained control throughout, stayed on in determined fashion while under urging in the straight and turned all challenges for a second stakes score.

Maisons-Laffitte, 14.20, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:11.10, gd.

AIBOA (IRE) (f, 3, King Charlemagne--Spirit of Hope {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) ran third in the G3 Prix Miesque here Nov. 4 and made this seasonal return coming back off a conditions second at Seville Dec. 14. Prominent from the break, the 24-5 chance was pushed along at the quarter-mile marker and eased clear in the latter stages to score by a comfortable 2 1/2 lengths from Golden Runner (Fr) (Orpen). The winner was a €13,000 ZRASEP yearling. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 7 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €74,800.

O-Alvaro Urbano-Roldan; B-Nicola Cullen; T-Luis Urbano-Grajales.

★ BRITAIN ★

GODOLPHIN RETURNS

Newmarket welcomed the first batch of Godolphin's string on Sunday as the team stages an early return to Britain due to the work being carried out at Meydan. Trainer Saeed bin Suroor oversaw the transport of 35 horses and he told the *Racing Post*, "The first horses arrived back on Sunday, and we will give them a couple of days in the yard and then they are likely to canter on Wednesday morning. We are happy to be back and the horses have travelled well."

Yesterday's Results:

Windsor, 14.20, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, 5f 10ydsT, 1:00.80, gd.

+ **RED JAZZ (c, 2, Johannesburg--Now That's Jazz, by Sword Dance {Ire})** went postward as the well-backed 11-8 favorite and raced in midfield at first. Nudged into the lead 1 1/2 furlongs from home, the \$37,000 KEENOV foal and €95,000 GOFMIL yearling was punched out to notch a comfortable five-length score from Iver Bridge Lad (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,730.

O-R J Arculli; B-William F Murphy & Annabel Murphy; T-Barry Hills.

Windsor, 16.20, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:09.67, gd.

+ **POPMURPHY (GB) (c, 3, Montjeu {Ire}--Lady Lahar {GB} {GSW-Ire, MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr}, by Fraam {GB})**, a 160,000gns TATOCT yearling, settled in midfield initially. Pushed along with 2 1/2 furlongs to run, the 11-2 chance was driven into the lead 100 yards from home to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Souter Point (Giant's Causeway). The winner holds an entry in the G1 Epsom Derby June 6. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,730.

O-Mogeely Stud & Mrs M Gittins; B-B Walters; T-K Burke.

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★ IRELAND ★

CONQUEST NEARS COMEBACK

Trainer Dermot Weld is looking at Newmarket for the return to the races of Moyglare Stud's **Casual Conquest (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}). Last year's G1 Epsom Derby third, who has been on the shelf since finishing second in the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh in late June, has the May 3 G2 Jockey Club S. pencilled in at present. "We're delighted with Casual Conquest," Weld told *PA Sport*. "We don't have a definite plan with him but the Jockey Club Stakes might be a suitable race for him. I hope maybe he will be good enough for a crack at the Arc, which would be his main target later in the year."

Yesterday's Results:

Limerick, 17.15, Mdn, €13,000, 3yo, f, 7f 50ydsT, 1:43.56, sf.

BIBURY (GB) (f, 3, **Royal Applause {GB}**--**Dahlia's Krissy {SP-US, \$138,904}**, by Kris S.), third in a six-furlong Curragh maiden last time Mar. 22, raced in the van-guard early before taking over on the home turn. Pushed out thereafter, the 50,000gns TATOCT yearling recorded a half-length score from Bea Bea Three (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) as a well-backed 2-1 favorite. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €10,023.

O-Martyn Meade; B-Newsells Park Stud; T-David Myerscough.

★ ITALY ★

Sunday's Results:

Milan, 15.45, Cond, €36,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:57.80, hy.

QUIZA QUIZA QUIZA (GB) (f, 3, **Golden Snake--Quiz Chow {Ity}**, by Pelder {Ire}), who took a debutantes contest at Naples first time up Feb. 23, led after the first furlong. Nudged along at the top of the stretch, the 11-4 second choice was driven out late to hold Miss Coccinella (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €23,375.

O/B-Riccardo Cantoni; T-Luigi Riccardi.

Rome, 14.50, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, 1mT, 2:04.60, gd/sf.

APPRIMUS (IRE) (c, 3, **Trans Island {GB}**--**Athlumney Dancer {GB}**, by Shareef Dancer), the winner of a San Siro maiden on his last outing Mar. 23, soon led. Shaken up three furlongs from home, the €11,500 GOFNOV foal and €10,000 GOFMIL yearling stuck on well under pressure to see off Kentucky Ray (Ire) (Noverre) by a half length at odds of 7-4. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €18,275.

O-Carla Donnini; B-Larry and Billy Moran; T-Alduino and Giuseppe Botti.

Rome, 16.00, Cond, €22,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.60, gd/sf.

ROSA DEL DUBAI (IRE) (f, 4, **Dubai Destination--Rosa di Brema {Ity}** {G1SP-Ity, \$216,840}, by Lomitas {GB}), winner of the G3 Premio Mario Incisa and Listed Premio Alberto Zanoletti last year, was third in a similar event here on her seasonal bow Mar. 8 and raced in midfield initially. Pushed along as the field straightened for home, the 13-8 chance hit the front before the eighth pole and was ridden out to score by three lengths from Tremoto (GB) (Generous {Ire}). Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 11-6-1-3, €109,650.

O-Allevamento Pian di Sette Agricola Verdino Srl; B-Azienda Agricola la Vigna Srl; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

Rome, 17.50, Mdn, €13,500, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:53.10, gd/sf.

+ **CATCH WIND** (f, 3, **Mr. Greeley--Busy Windsong, by Clever Trick**), sent off at odds of 11-2, took an early pitch in the second rank. Eased to the front with three furlongs remaining, a couple of smacks saw the \$75,000 KEESEP and 70,000gns TATDEC yearling come four comfortable lengths clear of Berthe Grillet (Ity) (Cameron {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,375. O-Scuderia Francesca di Locchi Elsa; B-Nicholas M. Lotz; T-Alduino and Giuseppe Botti.

★ GERMANY ★

LEISTEN TAKES OVER AT COLOGNE

Rolf Leisten, son of the renowned breeding expert and advisor Ferdinand Leisten, has been elected the new president of the Cologne Race Club. The 67-year-old has a lifelong history of involvement in breeding and racing and has held the post of vice president of the Baden-Baden Sales Company among other responsibilities. In turbulent times domestically, Cologne holds the aces as the stager of the majority of the country's major stakes races and as the recipient of a significant sum of money by the recent sale of land.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Misericorde (GB), f, 4, **Fasliyev--Match Point (GB)**, by Unfuwain. Hanshin, 4-5, Chigusagawa Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-0, \$520,891. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Meon Valley Stud; T-Hidetaka Otonashi. *280,000gns '06 TATOCT.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-HAW, \$35,952, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, my.

LAWN (m, 5, [Slew City Slew](#)--Prairie Grass {MSP}, by Red Ryder) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-2, \$113,480. O-Nancy A Vanier & DNJ Racing Stable. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier (IL). T-Brian Williamson. * 1/2 to Prairie School (Smile), MSP, \$254,180.

4th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, my.

LUI LUHUK (c, 4, [Luhuk](#)--Fast Fuse, by Lite the Fuse) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$54,480. O-M E S Stable, Inc. B-MES Stable, Inc (IL). T-Roy D Houghton.

3rd-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12, my.

CART'S LINDA (f, 3, [Cartwright](#)--Teachem Linda, by Black Moonshine) Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$39,520. O-Cristel Racing Stable Inc. B-J B Stables Inc (IL). T-M Cristel.

8th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, my.

ANGEL TALK (g, 3, [Cactus Ridge](#)--Infamous Angel, by Dixie Brass) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$25,837. O-Yates, Darrell and Evelyn. B-Ruby River, LLC (IL). T-Wayne M Catalano. * \$9,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bella Rita, f, 4, [Commendable](#)--Lady's Comin Home, by Captain Bodgit. MNR, 4-5, 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-P Clark (KY).

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SANTA ANITA

Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), 4f, :49.80, 19/30
Izarra (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.40, 10/47
Ventana (Tocet), 5f, 1:01.80, 31/47
Onebadkitty (Street Cry {Ire}), 6f, 1:15.20, 6/8
Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 7f, 1:27.40, 1/1

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

Alouette (Jpn), f, 3, [Empire Maker](#)--Arvada (GB), by Hernando (Fr). Nakayama, 4-4, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$49,505. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Masashi Okuhira.

Shosan Ururu (Jpn), f, 3, [Grand Slam](#)--King's Love, by Kingmambo. Hanshin, 4-5, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$138,614. O-Akikazu Suzuki; B-Bandam Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi.

Pisa no Prive (Jpn), f, 3, [Hold That Tiger](#)--Guinevere K, by Gone West. Hanshin, 4-4, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$101,980. O-Yoshimi Ichikawa; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Masahiro Sakaguchi.

Final Score (Jpn), c, 4, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Final Destination (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). Nakayama, 4-5, Harukaze S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, \$631,386. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Hiroaki Sugiura.

IN CHILE:

Ghiotto (Chi), c, 2, [Stormin Fever](#)--Glowing Star (Chi), by Gold Tribute. Club Hipico de Santiago, 4-5, Mdn. 1400m, 1:23.13. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win. O/B-Haras Don Alberto. T-Patricio Baeza.

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Awesome Planet (Aus), f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Dance on the Moon (Ire), by Fasliyev. Awapuni (New Zealand), 4-3, Manawatu Breeders S.-Listed, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, NZ\$28,125 to winner. B-Roncon. *G1SP-Aus.

Fitoussi (Aus), c, 3, [Hussonet](#)--It's a Miracle (Aus), by Hula Chief (NZ). Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Tara Farm Pty Ltd.

Huxssen (Aus), g, 3, [Hussonet](#)--Musical Tones, by Diesis (GB). Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo, 7f 40ydsT. B-Gainsborough Stud Australia Pty Ltd & Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd.





BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Eight Hours (GB), c, 2, **Bahamian Bounty (GB)**--Alchimie (Ire), by Sri Pekan. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-6, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-Foxlea Farm and Stud. *10,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; 20,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT.

Rokel (Ire), f, 3, **Almutawakel (GB)**--Rojan al Simma (Ire), by Night Shift. Milan, Italy, 4-5, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Azienda Agricola Valdirone Sas di Lualdi Lucia E C.

Baalibblue (Fr), c, 3, **Anabaa Blue (GB)**--Linata (Fr), by Tot ou Tard (Ire). Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-5, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Beat Eberle.

Landarry (Fr), c, 3, **Ballingarry (Ire)**--La Peregrina (Fr), by Shirley Heights (GB). Nort-sur-Erdre, France, 4-5, Mdn, 3yo, 1 9/16mT. B-M Randelli. *1/2 to La Hernanda (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}), SW-Ger, \$129,333.

Dubai Rose (GB), f, 3, **Dubai Destination**--Russian Rose (Ire), by Soviet Lad. Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-5, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT. B-GB Bloodstock Ltd. *1/2 to Hanami (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), GSW-Ire, SW-Eng, \$155,212.

El Bravo (GB), c, 3, **Falbrav (Ire)**--Alessandra (GB), by Generous (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-6, Mdn, 3-5yo, 12f 50yds (AWT). B-D J & Mrs Deer.

+ **Renowing (UAE)**, c, 3, **Halling**--Renowned (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Milan, Italy, 4-5, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Darley. *1/2 to Varsity (GB) (Lomitas {GB}), MSP-Ire, SP-Fr, \$164,495.

Hawkhill (Ire), g, 3, **Hawk Wing**--Crimphill (Ire) (SW-Ire, \$102,117), by Sadler's Wells. Limerick, Ireland, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1m 50ydsT. B-Bernard Cooke.

Count John (Ire), c, 3, **Intikhab**--Triton Dance (Ire), by Hector Protector. Limerick, Ireland, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 6f 160ydsT. B-N E Poole and George Thornton. *5,000gns yrl '06 TATDEC; €12,500 yrl '07 TATIRE.

Salomea (Ire), f, 3, **Monsun (Ger)**--Slawa (Ger), by Polish Precedent. Cologne, Germany, 4-5, Cond, 3yo, f, 9f 55ydsT. B-Gestut Schlenderhan. *1/2 to Skythe (Ger) (Spectrum {Ire}), SW-Ger; Slawomira (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), GSP-Ger; and Servenya (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), SW-Ger.

+ **Daring Tiger (Ger)**, c, 3, **Tiger Hill (Ire)**--Denial (GB), by Sadler's Wells. Cologne, Germany, 4-5, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-Gestut Ammerland.

+ **Indietra**, f, 3, **Vindication**--Icy Minister, by Deputy Minister. Cholet, France, 4-5, Unraced 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Robert Greenbaum and Robert Raphaelson. *\$170,000 wnlg '06 KEENOV.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

Sunrise Fair (Jpn), c, 3, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Strawberry Fair (GB), by Kingmambo. Nakayama, 4-5, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$122,277. O-Takao Matsuoka; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Tomohiko Hatsuki.

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Sullivans Cove (Aus), c, 2, **Denon**--Dancing Beat (Ire), by Ballad Rock (Ire). Launceston (Tasmania), 4-5, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-T E Clarke.

Europa Point (Aus), f, 2, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Gambei (Aus), by Dehere. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-3, Cond, 2yo, 6fT. B-Bradley Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd.

Testa Filou (Aus), g, 2, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Imorgen (Aus), by Greig (NZ). Morphettville (Adelaide), 4-4, Cond, 2yo, 6fT. B-L J Fleming.

Sniplaz (Aus), g, 2, **Zaha**--Fleur des Champs (Ire), by Danehill. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-4, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-W Milner.

Excelltastic (Aus), c, 3, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Fantail, by Lear Fan. Morphettville (Adelaide), 4-4, Port Adelaide Guineas-Listed, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, A\$44,555 to winner. B-Darley Australia Pty Ltd.

Di Canio (Aus), f, 3, **Red Ransom**--Euphoria (Aus), by Marauding (NZ). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-3, Hcp, 3yo, 1mT. B-W P & E S Benson.

Disciplined (Aus), f, 4, **Anabaa**--Orderly (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT. B-Fairway Thoroughbreds.

Double Barrel (NZ), g, 4, **Bertolini**--Bibi Maizoon (NZ), by Mi Preferido. Te Araho (New Zealand), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Whakanui Farms Ltd.

Mount Verde, g, 4, **Monashee Mountain**--Oro Verde (Aus), by Rory's Jester (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, Maurice McCarten S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$65,000 to winner. B-P A Bain, P Thompson & W Harvey.

Dao Dao (Aus), g, 5, **Shinko Forest (Ire)**--Casual Way (NZ), by Casual Lies. Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, Royal Parma S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$65,000 to winner. B-K S Lee.

Metro Miss (Aus), m, 5, **Xaar (GB)**--City Living (Aus), by Citidancer (Ire). Ascot (Perth), 4-4, Matchmaker Classic-Listed, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, A\$48,750 to winner. B-Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd.



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